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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2695

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, US, SP

SUBJECT: CIVAIR-SPANISH TURN DOWN TWA "LIBERALIZED" APEX
FILING

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED NOVEMBER 30 BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAD TURNED DOWN FILING BY TWA FOR SO-CALLED LIBERALIZED APEX FARES UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT BECAUSE SUBSECRETARIAT OF CIVIL AVIATION HAD NOT RECEIVED FILING THIRTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE. LATER IN DAY MFA CALLED AGAIN TO SAY THAT IN FACT FILING WAS NOT TURNED DOWN ON SUBSTANCE BUT WAS SIMPLY NOT BEING CONSIDERED SINCE IT WAS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH TWA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR SPAIN, LAWRENCE STAPLETON, WHO EXPLAINED THAT FILING WAS MAILED NOVEMBER 8 WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 8. HOWEVER, SINCE LETTER NOT RECEIVED UNTIL NOVEMBER 11, SPANISH APPEAR TO BE TECHNICALLY CORRECT. STAPLETON SAID THAT ONLY NEW FEATURES OF "LIBERALIZED" APEX WAS REDUCTION OF PERIOD FOR ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE FROM 30 DAYS TO 14 DAYS AND REDUCTION OF REQUIRED MINIMUM PERIOD TO BE SPENT IN OTHER COUNTRY FROM 14 DAYS TO SEVEN DAYS. ROUND-TRIP MADRID-NEW YORK FARE WOULD STILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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21,700 PESETAS (ABOUT \$265).

3. STAPLETON BELIEVES THAT IBERIA IS OPPOSED TO LIBERALIZED RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL TRAVELERS BECAUSE THEY FEEL LESS COMPETITIVE IN THIS AREA THAN WITH GROUP TRAVEL. HOWEVER, ASSUMING CAB COULD APPROVE NEW RULES, STAPLETON EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT COULD BE CONVINCED TO AP-

PROVE THEM IN CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL INCREASED TOURISM TO SPAIN. IN ANY CASE STAPLETON ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD DETERMINE WHETHER CAB HAS CONSIDERED MATTER YET AND, IF NOT, IF WE COULD GET PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF CAB. TWA WOULD PLAN TO RE-FILE WITH SPANISH AUTHORITIES WITH FULL 30 DAYS NOTICE IF IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT US AUTHORITIES WOULD APPROVE LIBERALIZED RULES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF "LIBERALIZED" APEX FILING WITH CAB AND, IF AVAILABLE, CAB VIEWS ON SAME. STABLER

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